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Testimony in Support of SB 665 - Natural Resources - Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund - No-Cost Licenses and Stamps

Chair Pinsky and Members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee;

Thank you for hearing SB 665 – Natural Resources – Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund – No-Cost Licenses and Stamps. This bill will authorize grant funding for a variety of recreational opportunities for veterans. The Healing Hunting and Fishing Fund will provide an angler's license and trout stamps, a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license, a hunting license and any corresponding stamps at no cost. Eligible sponsor organizations such as nonprofit charitable organizations will provide any of these opportunities for Gold Star recipients, disabled veterans or armed forces, and veterans or armed forces who could benefit from these opportunities.

This bill allows for the opportunity to give back to our local veterans by providing them with the recreational benefits they deserve. The least we can do for our nation's heroes is grant them the ability to hunt and fish free of charge.

Thank you for your consideration as I respectfully ask for a Favorable report on SB 665.

Sincerely,

Senator Paul D. Corderman

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